

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. An improved spring-activated mole trap that includes two, pairs of clamping jaws that, when released, converge to kill a mole located therebetween, the mole trap also including a trigger arm that holds the jaws in an opened, biased position and when sufficiently moved by a mole, releases the jaws thereby killing the mole, the improvement comprising:

- a. a pair of handles longitudinally aligned and extending from the jaws enabling said mole trap to be vertically aligned and inserted into a mole opening;

- b. a limiting means for said trigger arm to prevent access rotation of the trigger arm when released;

c. a pivoting trigger plate capable of engaging the end of the trigger arm, said trigger plate being z-shaped with an upper trigger rod support plate and a lower, offset, trigger support plate;

d. a foot bar enabling the jaws to be activated by the user's foot, said foot bar including an elongated bar with a jaw-engaging surface at one end, so that when said mole trap is aligned longitudinally on a support surface, said jaw engaging surface may be placed against one jaw and the user's foot may be placed thereon to force said jaws into a set position.

2. The improved spring-activated mole trap as recited in Claim 1, wherein said limiting means for said trigger arm is a u-shaped member designed prevent the upward rotation of said trigger arm around said u-shaped member when said trigger arm is released.

1       3.     A method of setting a spring-activated mole trap, comprising the following steps:

2           a. selecting a spring activated, two claw mole trap, said mole trap having two

3     longitudunially aligned handles, and a trigger plate that release a trigger arm when activated

4     by a mole;

5           b. selecting a mole opening;

6           c. selecting a foot bar to activated said mole trap;

7           d. activating said mole trap with said foot bar;

8           e. grasping said handles to move said mole trap, and;

9           f. vertically inserting said mole trap into said mole opening so that said jaws are

10   transversely aligned inside said mole opening and said trigger plate is position adjacent to the

11   soil under said trap

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